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SENATE RESOLUTION 13  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the Reverend Frank Harris, Jr., for his outstanding leadership and devoted service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize and honor those outstanding citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Frank Harris, Jr., is one such outstanding citizen, who at the age of twelve years stands at 4 foot, 10 inches tall, as a symbol of strong faith and great integrity; and

WHEREAS, Frank Harris, Jr. began accepting invitations to preach at the age of seven years, and as a guest minister has preached in Tennessee, Louisiana, and North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, when fulfilling his role as a guest preacher, Frank, Jr. is affectionately and respectfully known as "Little Frank"; and

WHEREAS, Little Frank works diligently, preparing and practicing his sermons, and is known for the rhythmic quality to his voice that turns his sermons into music; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Harris, Jr. was encouraged by his father, Frank Harris, Sr., the minister of Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, to become licensed by the Minster's Association; Frank, Jr. is now an honorable member of the Memphis Baptist Ministerial Association; and

WHEREAS, his impassioned sermons are an inspiration to people young and old alike; and

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, this remarkable young man speaks of the need for choosing good heroes with Jesus Christ as the Greatest Hero; and

WHEREAS, Little Frank is a good hero himself; using his talents and faith to inspire and help others, Reverend Frank Harris, Jr. is an exemplary role model for other young people to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Templeton Thomas, a friend of Frank's, has said that the Reverend Frank Harris's ministry "gives a lot of young people hope. It's encouraging to me to see somebody that young have the courage to talk in front of people and spread the gospel"; and

WHEREAS, Frank Harris, Jr.'s loving parents, the Reverend Frank, Sr. and Joyce Harris, are proud of all that their son has accomplished; and

WHEREAS, he uses the virtuous lessons that he has learned and continues to learn from his admirable parents in his sermons; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Frank Harris, Jr. is an honor student at Havenview Middle School; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a commendable student, he is also an outstanding athlete, averaging 10-15 points a game as a point guard for his church basketball league team; as a seventh grader, he is awaiting his turn as a first-stringer on the school basketball team; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the Reverend Frank Harris, Jr., for his exemplary dedication and faith; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and recognize the Reverend Frank Harris, Jr., for his devotion and exceptional leadership, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.